

PARTICIPATORY EDUCATION:

The Centro de Lenguas offers classes in both Spanish and Tzotzil (a Mayan language) that follow a participatory education model. The Spanish classes are divided into three levels: beginning, intermediate, and advanced.

The participatory education structure of the Zapatistas necessitates active involvement of the students. In this way, the focus of the classes is on the communicative aspects of language - there is not an emphasis on grammar.

It is recommended that before enrolling, students read the Sixth Declaration of the Selva Lacandona.

The Sixth Declaration of the Selva Lacandona
<http://www.serazln-altos.org/eng/sixth.html>

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LEARN SPANISH

THROUGH THE LANGUAGE
AND CONTEXT OF
THE ZAPATISTA
MOVEMENT.

CELMRAZ LANGUAGE SCHOOL

WE ARE:

The Zapatista Rebel Autonomous Spanish and Maya Languages Center, CELMRAZ, a language school designed to help in the building of an international network of movements, and to financially support ESRAZ, a Zapatista secondary school.

ESRAZ is a project in autonomous education built with its own resources and the solidarity of national and international civil society. Therefore, the education being designed and carried out is an education not only for the indigenous people of Chiapas, but for the world as a whole. For this reason, the Centro de Lenguas is a space for exchange and communication with diverse peoples and cultures of the world.

The activities offered are part of the educational and cultural exchange and are given in reciprocity for the economic support that brothers and sisters offer to the school. We do not make language yet another piece of merchandise. We do not sell it, but we do share it with all those who are open to this cultural experience and who identify with our struggle.

YOU ARE:

We are looking for students who share our ideal of Justice, Liberty and Democracy for all, without distinction on the basis of language, race, religion, age or gender, who struggle against capitalism with the intention of building a new world from the left and from below.

An ideal applicant would be currently involved in or have experience as a community organizer or activist and would have some basic Spanish skills.



WHERE WE ARE:

CELMRAZ is located in Oventic, a Zapatista center for social projects (or Caracol) in Chiapas, amidst the mountains of the Mexican southeast. San Cristobal de las Casas is the nearest major city.

TO ENROLL:

1. As a student from the US, you will need accreditation from the Mexico Solidarity Network.

You will need to present proof of accreditation upon entering Oventic. In order to receive accreditation, send the MSN a letter of recommendation from an organization you have worked with (social, political, educational, religious, cultural, etc.) that will assume responsibility for your enrollment. The letter should describe the purpose and work of the organization, and your role within it.

Mexico Solidarity Network:

<http://www.mexicosolidarity.org>

MSN@mexicosolidarity.org

2. Once you've received your letter of accreditation, you will contact the MSN for scheduling, current tuition rates and enrollment.

Visit the Centro de Lenguas website for a list of accrediting organizations in other countries.

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<http://www.serazln-altos.org/eng/celm.html>